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COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Plainville, MA June 16, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☒ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-020-001 | Our property is located in Mazepa Township ~~Section 27~~ and
I-020-004 | in Oakwood Township 27 (both in Wabasha County). The one proposed
transmission line crosses the middle of the farm in Oakwood Township.
Establishing a conservation easement on this property is in progress.
I-020-003 | The line also crosses within 50 yards of our house in Mazepa
Township. Health and aesthetic issues are a concern. Even though
it is thought that EMF does not cause disease, proof that it
does not interfere with body physiology has not been proven. Living
that close to the lines gives me reason for concern.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-020-005 | Human - The proposed line in Mazepa Township (Wabasha County)
crosses past many residential areas, including Lake Zumbro
and a recreational campground. This affects a large number
of people. Both by EMF and the aesthetic problem in a
unique and beautiful setting, including abundant
wildlife.

I-020-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-020-002

Yes, I have no argument that more electricity is needed. However, I ~~am~~ am concerned with the proposed route of the line. I question why a better method of protection has not been developed to safeguard health issues from EMF. Perhaps burying the line or a better method of insulation might be beneficial.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-020-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-020-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-020-002.

I-020-004

Your letter/comment card has been noted. In addition to health and safety, potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-020-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.